



NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

This week, Republicans passed and President Trump signed into law a tax bill that will dramatically worsen our nation's income inequality crisis. I voted "no." When inequality rises, the whole economy suffers. This bill was skewed to help the wealthiest, and it's the American people who will end up paying the price.

With their reckless process and shameful tax plan, Congressional Republicans have bestowed an enormously expensive gift upon corporate lobbyists, multi-millionaires, and the largest corporations. And they got the middle class to pay for it. The GOP tax plan reduces the rate on the largest corporations by over one-third and lowers the top rate paid by millionaires. This lopsided giveaway to the wealthiest individuals and corporations will explode the debt by \$1.45 trillion, setting the stage for automatic cuts to Medicare and other critical programs that assist working families and secure our nation.

Final GOP Tax Bill Highly Skewed to the Top

Average percentage change in after-tax income, 2025, including estate tax cuts



Source: Percentage changes in after-tax income for bill including estate tax cuts calculated from JCT table JCX-68-17, and adjusted to incorporate the impact of estate tax repeal with CBPP calculations based on Tax Policy Center table T17-0061.

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In just six weeks, Congressional Republicans wrote and passed a 500-page bill. They didn't have a single hearing on a bill that touches almost every single person and business in this country. At every turn, experts have found that this rushed and secretive process has led to legislative text that is riddled with mistakes and loopholes that tax lawyers and accountants will easily game for their wealthy clients. Just this weekend, we learned that a special provision to benefit real estate investors such as Donald Trump was added in secret with almost no public debate or awareness. And it hurts our environment and conservation by opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil and gas drilling.

Kicking the can down the road - again

On Thursday, I refused to accept House Republicans' irresponsible and pitiful excuse for a government funding bill. After securing a tax giveaway for billionaires and big corporations, Speaker Paul Ryan, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and President Donald Trump decided to run away from the responsibilities that come with governing by kicking the can down the road yet again, while failing to address the need for predictable funding for the military, children's health insurance, community health centers, veterans' health care, the opioid epidemic fight, and for disaster relief. House Republicans already gave themselves a three-month extension on funding the government, for which I voted yes, and then gave themselves another two weeks - but this

uncertainty cannot continue indefinitely. It makes it impossible for our military and for critical government agencies to do their jobs.

Congress also failed to protect young people currently facing unfair deportation by including the bipartisan DREAM Act. I was appalled that House Republicans have yet again chosen to run away from their fiscal responsibilities to this country.

Calling for help to fight New Hampshire's opioid crisis

Two days ago, the CDC announced that New Hampshire continues to suffer one of the highest drug overdose rates in the nation, underscoring the urgent need for increased federal assistance to fight the out-of-control opioid crisis. In light of this news, I called on the Trump Administration to act now to provide emergency funding. Just this week, Serenity Place, the recovery center for the Manchester Safe Stations program where Trump advisor Kellyanne Conway staged a photo op earlier this year, entered receivership. New Hampshire urgently needs funding, not photo ops, from this Administration. When will President Trump confront this crisis as the emergency it is, instead of insulting our state and calling it a 'drug-infested den'?

The ACA: Here to stay

This week, we learned that 8.8 million Americans – over 50,000 of them in New Hampshire – enrolled in HealthCare.Gov coverage, despite the Trump Administration's outrageous sabotage. That's 96% of last year's total. Remember, if you had HealthCare.Gov coverage with Minuteman this year, you still have until March 1st to choose a new plan. Thank you to the Navigators and assisters in New Hampshire for their hard work helping families get covered, and to all who helped defeat Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act this year – thanks to the people's efforts, access to coverage is here to stay.

Celebrating equality

Yesterday we celebrated the 7-year anniversary of Don't Ask Don't Tell repeal. I was proud to help achieve this victory for equality as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, and I will continue to stand alongside our LGBT troops in the face of discrimination.

Closing thoughts

This week, I wished our troops stationed around the world Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.





Wishing peace, joy, and love to you and your family during the holiday season. Happy New Year!

Best wishes,

Carol Shea-Porter

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The state's top prosecutor sided with his governor and against the entire congressional delegation, taking a pass on joining any lawsuit that challenges the Federal Communications Commission rules on net neutrality. It didn't take long for Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen along with Congresswomen Carol Shea-Porter and Annie Kuster to register their displeasure.

"It's very disappointing that no sufficient reason has been provided for New Hampshire not joining other states across the country in a lawsuit opposing the repeal of net neutrality rules," they wrote. "Considering the broad public support for net neutrality and the real threat this repeal poses to business innovation and the consumer experience online, New Hampshire should be leading efforts to reinstate net neutrality."



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